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SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO FIJI

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1. WHILE THE FIJI TIMES ARTICLE WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL
COMMUNICATION TO THE USG, THERE ARE INACCURACIES IN THE
KOTOBALAVU STATEMENT REGARDING QUOTE A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT
UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, UNQUOTE WHICH WE
BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CLARIFY WITH KOTOBALAVU AT AN APPROPRIATE
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OPPORTUNITY. THERE IS NO VISIT BEING PLANNED IN THE NEAR
TERM, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE
THE DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES, AS WELL AS TO CORRECT AN APPAR-
ENT MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE USG POSITION ON THE PART OF
KOTOBALAVU.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH KOTOBALAVU YOU MAY DRAW ON THE

FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

A. UNDER LONGSTANDING US POLICY, NPW VISITS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF UNILATERAL ASSURANCES REGARDING SAFETY, LIABILITY AND RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROVIDED IN THE QUOTE STANDARD STATEMENT UNQUOTE. THE LIABILITY ASSURANCES ARE

AMPLIFIED BY PUBLIC LAW 93-513, WHICH STATES THE SENSE OF CONGRESS TO PROCESS JUST CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT ON AN ABSOLUTE, NO-FAULT BASIS WITH NO UPPER LIMIT ON TOTAL CLAIMS. THE GOF WOULD, OF COURSE, BE FREE TO FORWARD A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ACKNOWLEDGING THESE ASSURANCES, BUT THERE COULD BE NO BILATERAL AGREEMENT, PER SE.

B. CONSISTENT WITH OUR WORLDWIDE POLICY ON NPW, THE USG DOES NOT PROVIDE RADIATION MONITORING EQUIPMENT NOR TRAIN TECHNICIANS TO PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS IN ANY COUNTRY WHERE US NPW VISIT. MANY COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEPT OUR NPW CONDUCT NO ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING OR RADIATION SURVEYS AT ALL, ACCEPTING THE USG ASSURANCES AND THE PROVEN SAFETY RECORD OF US NPW. CHRISTOPHER

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